

1 AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation therefor.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) Upon application to the county clerk of the county of his or her residence, the  
6 owner or lessee of a motor vehicle registered under KRS 186.050(1) or (3)(a) or a  
7 motorcycle registered under KRS 186.050(2) may obtain a Break the Silence  
8 special license plate.

9 (2) Each initial or renewal application for a Break the Silence special license plate  
10 shall be subject to payment of the fees set forth in Section 2 of this Act.

11 (3) The EF portion of the fees collected under Section 2 of this Act for a Break the  
12 Silence special license plate shall be used to support programs for survivors of  
13 domestic violence and sexual assault and are hereby appropriated to the  
14 Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence for that purpose, subject to the  
15 distribution and auditing requirements set forth in KRS 186.164.

16 (4) The Break the Silence special license plate shall be administered in the same  
17 manner as other special license plates as prescribed in Section 2 of this Act.

18 (5) The Transportation Cabinet shall consult with the Kentucky Coalition Against  
19 Domestic Violence on the design of the Break the Silence special license plate.

20 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.162 (Effective January 1, 2018) is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (1) As used in this chapter~~[section and in KRS 186.043, 186.164, 186.166, 186.1722,~~  
23 ~~and 186.174]~~:

24 (a) "Special license plate" means a unique license plate issued under this chapter  
25 to a group or organization that readily identifies the operator of the motor  
26 vehicle or motorcycle bearing the plate as a member of a group or  
27 organization, or a supporter of the work, goals, or mission of a group or

1 organization. The term shall not include regular license plates issued under  
2 KRS 186.240;

3 (b) "Street rod" means a modernized private passenger motor vehicle  
4 manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed or manufactured to resemble  
5 a vehicle manufactured prior to 1949;

6 (c) "SF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license  
7 plate that is dedicated for use by the Transportation Cabinet;

8 (d) "CF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license  
9 plate that is dedicated for use by a county clerk; and

10 (e) "EF" means the portion of an initial or renewal fee to obtain a special license  
11 plate that is mandated by this chapter to be dedicated for use by a particular  
12 group or organization.

13 (2) The initial purchase fee and renewal fee for a special license plate created under this  
14 chapter shall be as established in this subsection and includes the name of group or  
15 organization and the total initial and renewal fee required for the plate. The amount  
16 in parentheses indicates how the total fee is required to be divided:

17 (a) Disabled veterans who receive assistance to purchase a vehicle from the  
18 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans declared by the  
19 United States Department of Veterans' Affairs to be one hundred percent  
20 (100%) service-connected disabled, and recipients of the Congressional Medal  
21 of Honor:

22 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

23 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/\$0 EF).

24 (b) Former prisoners of war and survivors of Pearl Harbor:

25 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'  
26 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

27 2. Renewal Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

- 1 (c) Members of the Kentucky National Guard and recipients of the Purple Heart:
- 2 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 3 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 4 2. Renewal Fee: \$8 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 5 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 6 (d) Members of the Civil Air Patrol; active, retired, veteran, reserve, or auxiliary
- 7 members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast
- 8 Guard; Merchant Marines who served between December 7, 1941, and August
- 9 15, 1945; recipients of the Silver Star Medal, or the Bronze Star Medal
- 10 awarded for valor; persons who wish to receive Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star
- 11 Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses license plates beyond the two (2) exempted
- 12 from fees under KRS 186.041(6); individuals eligible for a special military
- 13 service academy license plate under KRS 186.041(8); and disabled veterans
- 14 who have been declared to be between fifty percent (50%) and ninety-nine
- 15 percent (99%) service-connected disabled by the United States Department of
- 16 Veterans' Affairs:
- 17 1. Initial Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 18 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 19 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 20 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 21 (e) Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force
- 22 Cross:
- 23 1. Initial Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 24 2. Renewal Fee: \$3 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 25 (f) Disabled license plates:
- 26 1. Initial Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 27 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).

- 1 (g) Historic vehicles:
- 2 1. Initial Fee for two plates: \$53 (\$50 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 3 2. Renewal Fee: Do not renew annually.
- 4 (h) Members of Congress:
- 5 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 6 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'
- 7 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- 8 (i) Firefighters:
- 9 1. Initial Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 10 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 11 (j) Emergency management:
- 12 1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 13 2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 14 (k) Fraternal Order of Police:
- 15 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
- 16 FOP Death Benefit Fund).
- 17 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky
- 18 FOP Death Benefit Fund).
- 19 (l) Law Enforcement Memorial:
- 20 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
- 21 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 22 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky Law
- 23 Enforcement Memorial Foundation, Inc.).
- 24 (m) Personalized plates:
- 25 1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 26 2. Renewal Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- 27 (n) Street rods:

1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (o) Nature plates:
1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund established under KRS 146.570).
- (p) Amateur radio:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (q) Kentucky General Assembly:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- (r) Kentucky Court of Justice:
1. Initial Fee: \$40 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$8 (\$0 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans' program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).
- (s) Masons:
1. Initial Fee: \$28 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$15 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$0 EF).
- (t) Collegiate plates:
1. Initial Fee: \$50 (\$37 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the plate).
  2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the general scholarship fund of the university whose name will be borne on the

1 plate).

2 (u) Independent Colleges:

3 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of  
4 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the  
5 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).

6 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Association of  
7 Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities for distribution to the  
8 general scholarship funds of the Association's members).

9 (v) Child Victims:

10 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the child victims'  
11 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

12 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the child victims'  
13 trust fund established under KRS 41.400).

14 (w) Kentucky Horse Council:

15 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky  
16 Horse Council).

17 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky  
18 Horse Council).

19 (x) Ducks Unlimited:

20 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks  
21 Unlimited).

22 2. Renewal Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to Kentucky Ducks  
23 Unlimited).

24 (y) Spay neuter:

25 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the animal control  
26 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

27 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the animal control

1 and care fund established under KRS 258.119).

2 (z) Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, or Gold Star Spouses:

3 1. Initial Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

4 2. Renewal Fee: \$0 (\$0 SF/\$0 CF/ \$0 EF).

5 3. A person may receive a maximum of two (2) plates under this paragraph  
6 free of charge and may purchase additional plates for fees as established  
7 in subsection (2)(d) of this section.

8 (aa) I Support Veterans:

9 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the Kentucky  
10 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

11 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky  
12 Department of Veterans' Affairs).

13 (ab) Gold Star Siblings, Gold Star Sons, or Gold Star Daughters:

14 1. Initial Fee: \$25 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the veterans'  
15 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

16 2. Renewal Fee: \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the veterans'  
17 program trust fund established under KRS 40.460).

18 (ac) Break the Silence:

19 1. Initial Fee: \$38 (\$25 SF/\$3 CF/\$10 EF to the  
20 Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

21 2. Renewal Fee \$20 (\$12 SF/\$3 CF/\$5 EF to the Kentucky  
22 Coalition Against Domestic Violence).

23 (3) Any special license plate may be combined with a personalized license plate for a  
24 twenty-five dollar (\$25) state fee in addition to all other fees for the particular  
25 special license plate established in this section and in KRS 186.164(3). The twenty-  
26 five dollar (\$25) fee required under this subsection shall be divided between the  
27 cabinet and the county clerk of the county where the applicant is applying for the

1 license plate with the cabinet receiving twenty dollars (\$20) and the county clerk  
2 receiving five dollars (\$5).

3 (4) Owners and lessees of motorcycles registered under KRS 186.050(2) may be  
4 eligible to receive special license plates issued under this section or established  
5 under the provisions of KRS 186.164 after the cabinet has received three hundred  
6 (300) applications and initial state fees from the sponsoring organization.  
7 Applicants for a special license plate for a motorcycle shall be required to pay the  
8 fee for a special plate as prescribed in this section or in KRS 186.164. The fee paid  
9 for the special plate for a motorcycle shall be in lieu of the registration fee required  
10 under KRS 186.050(2).

11 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.166 (Effective January 1, 2018) is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall, unless directed otherwise by the General  
14 Assembly, perpetually produce the following special license plates: military license  
15 plates, U.S. Congressional license plates, firefighter license plates, emergency  
16 management license plates, Fraternal Order of Police license plates, Law  
17 Enforcement Memorial license plates, street rod license plates, nature license plates,  
18 amateur radio license plates, Kentucky General Assembly license plates, Kentucky  
19 Court of Justice license plates, Masonic Order license plates, collegiate license  
20 plates, independent college and university license plates, child victims' trust fund  
21 license plates, **Break the Silence license plates**, Kentucky Horse Council license  
22 plates, Ducks Unlimited license plates, Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Spouses  
23 license plates, Gold Star Siblings, Sons, and Daughters license plates, Silver Star  
24 Medal license plates, Bronze Star Medal license plates, spay neuter license plates,  
25 service academy license plates, and I Support Veterans license plates.

26 (2) The design of the plates identified for perpetual production under this section may  
27 be revised upon request of a group or organization requesting a design revision



1           under the provisions of KRS 186.164(15).

2       (3)   (a)   The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall not include any representation  
3                   of the word "Kentucky" that is a registered trademark or slogan which appears  
4                   on a general issue license plate.

5           (b)   The design of a Purple Heart license plate shall include a representation of the  
6                   Purple Heart medal and the words "Combat Wounded."